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PRPD Board Approves Paradise Lake Agreement

Paradise, CA, 4/9/20 - The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD, District) Board unanimously approved last night an agreement to lease the Paradise Lake facilities from the Paradise Irrigation District (PID).

PID authorized completion of the agreement at their March 18, 2020, meeting on a 5-0 vote. PID and PRPD have been in negotiations for the transfer since 2018, but the Camp Fire and aftermath delayed action.

PRPD District Manager Dan Efseaff said, "We are excited to add this gem to our portfolio of park properties. Adding recreation opportunities at Paradise Lake to the PRPD suite of properties and recreation opportunities aligns with our vision of becoming a destination recreation District."

Efseaff added, "We want to deliver top notch parks and programs for our residents and attract recreational tourism to help support economic activity on the Ridge. Paradise Lake certainly fits into that vision."

PRPD will continue the current rules in place at Paradise Lake as it absorbs management responsibilities and will evaluate them at the end of the season. Currently, the Lake is open Fridays thru Mondays and visitors may fish, hike the 4.7 miles of shoreline trail, and utilize non-motorized boats and kayaks. Visitors are prohibited from swimming or wading. One notable change is that annual permits will be available on-line through the District webpage.

In the long-term, PRPD plans to expand the trail system and connect to nearby public lands to give people greater accessibility to the natural beauty of the Ridge, while also ensuring vegetation, fuels and invasive plant species are carefully managed to mitigate fire risk.

The District will continue and expand recreational activities at the lake to better serve the residents of Magalia and the upper Ridge communities.

The District will work with PID to continue the twenty-year tradition of offering a Kids Fishing Day at Paradise Lake. Though typically held in April, the District intends to offer the Kids Fishing Day in July 2020, depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

As the restrictions are lifted, the District will offer classes on kayaking, guided hikes, fishing, camps, art, and other programs. Because of the new opportunities the Lake provides, the District is soliciting input from the public on future offerings.

Earlier in 2019, the District initiated a new expanded Volunteer Program that includes Park Stewards to regularly monitor and help care for Paradise Lake.

The District notes that people have reached out to help volunteer and volunteers will be an integral part of care for Paradise Lake.

Efseaff added, "We want to draw upon the talents of our citizens who care about the lake to foster a sense of ownership and community."

Citizens interested in joining the PRPD Volunteer Program can find out more at the PRPD website (<http://ParadisePRPD.com/volunteers>) or by calling 530-872-6393.

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages nearly 500 acres of park land and facilities.

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